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Chairman Kevin J. Martin  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12th Street SW  
Washington, DC 20554

Dear Chairman Martin:

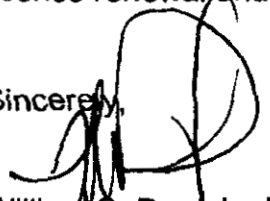
I'm writing to support Voice for New Jersey's (VNJ) petition to deny WWOR-TV's (My 9) FCC license renewal. My organization is very concerned about the lack of broadcast media coverage of our state. As New Jersey's only commercially licensed VHF television station, My 9's coverage of issues of importance to its home state is especially inadequate.

The dearth of media coverage of New Jersey contributes to a myriad of problems for the Garden State, including:

- An information deficit relative to the state's governments, economy, businesses, and community organizations,
- A population that is under-informed about important issues facing them and their communities,
- The lack of a strong state identity, leaving our 9 million residents to live in the shadow of neighboring states, and
- The perpetuation of negative stereotypes about our state at the regional and national levels.

***With the exception of shock and gore coverage in the towns in the case of an unfortunate incident, we receive no coverage. As leaders of the community attempt to strive for business community success and to improve the overall conditions of our neighborhoods, the people making the difference should be covered.***

The citizens of New Jersey deserve much more comprehensive coverage of the issues that affect their lives. As My 9 has failed to meet its responsibility to provide such coverage, I urge you to support VNJ's petition to deny WWOR-TV's license renewal and to support this matter for hearing.

Sincerely,  
  
William S. Parrish, Jr.  
President & CEO

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